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Communications from National Officers

Activities of the Executive Committee

The Executive Committee is taking definite steps to provide opportunity for members of the Fraternity to meet together at frequent intervals for scientific discussions of educational problems and for good fellowships. Three meetings are being planned for the coming year. The first will be held at Boston, July 6, during the week of the meeting of the National Education Association. Dean Holmes and members of Harvard Chapter have made arrangements for a luncheon followed by a program of interesting addresses. A detailed announcement of the luncheon appears on another page of this issue. The Executive Committee takes this opportunity to extend a most cordial invitation to all members of the Fraternity to attend.

The advisability of holding a meeting during the Christmas holidays in connection with the meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science is being considered. Several months ago the secretary of the Association extended an invitation to Phi Delta Kappa to arrange a program for the Boston meeting of the A. A. A. S. The explanation for the invitation, as expressed by the secretary, was the fact that Phi Delta Kappa is interested in the scientific study of educational problems. The Executive Committee has tentatively accepted the invitation. We are in correspondence at the present time with Dr. Bird T. Baldwin, the University of Iowa, who is chairman of Section Q. It is hoped that it will be possible to arrange for a half-day program which will co-ordinate with the plans of Section Q. The suggestion has been made that the program include several discussions of the topic, "Important Problems

in Education Which Should Be Investigated." If satisfactory arrangements can be made for a meeting in Boston, during the Christmas holidays, an announcement will be made in the November issue of THE PHI DELTA KAPPAN.

The third general meeting of the year will be the annual luncheon during the week of the meeting of the Department of Superintendence. The large attendance at the luncheon this year, in Chicago, and the enthusiasm of those present were evidence that these luncheons and discussions are meeting with the approval of field members. The Executive Committee is taking this opportunity to urge Phi Delta Kappa members to meet together at state association meetings and on various other occasions for the purpose of renewing their acquaintance and for such discussions as may seem appropriate.

LOCAL CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

The National Council provided for the appointment of a committee to stimulate activities in local chapters. It was the intention that this committee should be advisory in character. Brother Williams, the national vice-president, has been appointed chairman of this committee. The members of the committee are engaged at the present time in the preparation of a series of suggestions which can be offered to local chapters early in the Autumn. It is planned to have each chapter announce its program for the year in the November PHI DELTA KAPPAN. These reports should prove stimulating and suggestive to all chapters.

The Executive Committee is urging each local chapter to plan to issue at

least two News Letters during the coming year. It is our conviction that each chapter should keep in close touch with its field members. Brother Williams and the district deputies are going to do all

they can to help realize these plans during the next twelve months.

WILLIAM S. GRAY,
National President.

The Thirteenth Fiscal Year, a Brief Review

If the amount of correspondence that has been received by the National Secretary is any index of the aliveness of the Fraternity, we are about ninety per cent ahead of last year. The average number of pieces of mail received daily the past month is 48. The average daily postage on out-going mail is \$1.78.

To date there have been 509 initiates reported, and 1,330 national membership fees, thus making 1,839 members in good standing. The prospects are that we shall have 2,000 members in good standing by the close of this fiscal year, June 30, 1922.

Two active chapters have been established: Alpha-Beta (Virginia) and Alpha-Gamma (State College of Washington). The petitions from the University of Southern California and from Kansas States Agricultural College have been approved and the two new Chapters will undoubtedly be installed within the next three weeks. Alumnus Zeta (Detroit) Chapter has been established. There are several petitions pending for the establishment of active and alumni Chapters.

Every active Chapter and four alumni Chapters have issued or will issue at least one news letter by the close of this school year. San Francisco Alumni leads with a news letter for each month. Psi reports seven issues; Epsilon, six; Pi, four, and Delta, Upsilon and Chi, three each. Twenty-five active Chapters and all six alumni Chapters are in good working condition.

The national membership drive for the

fourteenth fiscal year is now in progress in practically every active Chapter. The Ninth Council definitely decided that the campaign must be put on in advance and that the respective active Chapters must assume the responsibility of making it a success. As we go to press, two Chapters, Tau and Chi, promise 100 per cent. Sigma has already sent in a check for 43 memberships. Several corresponding secretaries have sent us a copy of the letter that they are writing their members and those letters certainly are inspiring and to the point. We predict that the close of the fourteenth fiscal year is going to see us with practically 3,000 members in good standing. And is that goal not worth striving for? National President Gray is sacrificing a great deal of time and effort to encourage various kinds of constructive activities and let us rally 3,000 strong to his support. We can do it, and the spirit that is manifesting itself throughout the Fraternity says "We will do it."

Almost half the Chapters have reported that officers for the ensuing year have been elected and that they have entered upon their duties, thus making it easier for the Chapters to preserve their continuity of organization.

It has been a very heavy year at the national office, but the splendid growth and enthusiastic spirit from all quarters have made it worth the effort.

ABEL J. McALLISTER,
National Secretary.

Keep Your Contact with the Fraternity

This the thirteenth fiscal year closes June 30, 1922, on which date you will cease to be in good standing, as defined in the Constitution, unless you have already paid your local and national dues.

Heretofore, because of our badly disorganized condition, these dues were not collected in advance, but, on the other hand, several months behind time, in most cases.

The last National Council emphasized the importance of collecting the dues in advance, and practically every Chapter has set about the task already. Following is a statement of the action taken by the Council:

"That for each campaign for annual fees, the National Secretary shall prepare a letter stating the national appeal which it (the Executive Committee) wishes to bring before every member of the Fraternity. Copies of this letter in quantity shall be sent to the secretary of each local chapter. The local secretary shall then send out to all local members a chapter letter together with the letter from the National Secretary, asking that the local and national dues be sent to the local treasurer, with the understanding that the national dues be forwarded by the latter to the National Secretary."

Please do your part by making prompt remittance as soon as you get the call from your Chapter, or, better still, send in your dues now, without waiting for the call.

A. J. M.